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REMARKS

Claims 76-100 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claim 94 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 76-100 are currently under consideration.

As amended, claim 94 recites the amended limitations positively as "*transmitting and receiving signals between a fourth channel associated with a fourth side of the function block and only the first channel and the second channel, the fourth side opposite the third side.*" This improves formal structure of the claims consistently with other allowed claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 306812002601. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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